

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Jacquelyn Spencer Leaman**

Mrs. Leaman was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston in 1925. Her parents owned a large farm in Simonton, growing potatoes due to the rich red soil. At age 9, she was driving a truck to each potato stand and counting the number of bags picked.

Jacquelyn provides interesting details of growing up in Simonton; attending a small Simonton school and later going to the big city of Rosenberg for middle and high school. She and her husband Dean owned a lumber yard and concrete plant while raising two sons. They lived in the house on Main Ave. in Rosenberg for 51 years until Dean died in 2008.

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Mrs. Jacquelyn Spencer Leaman died on August 7, 2011. Her obituary may be found at: <http://www.garmanycarden.com/obituary/1232524>

## Interview Summary

### People (in alphabetic order)

Bill Graeber – county school superintendent

Dorothy Louise Huntington – friend

Dean Leaman – spouse

Ken Leaman – son

Lee Leaman – son

Mattie Schultz – county school superintendent

### Places / Businesses

Allied Concrete

Denton, Texas

Galveston, Texas

Henke & Pillot Grocery Store

Home Building & Lumber Co.

Houston, Texas

Richmond, Texas

Rosenberg, Texas

Simonton, Texas

Spencer & Mullins Farm

Texas State College for Women

### Events

Born in 1925 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston, Jacquelyn spent most of her childhood on a farm in Simonton. Her family mainly raised potatoes due to the rich red soil. In later years, they grew cotton, corn, hay & alfalfa.

She attended Simonton schools until middle & high school which was spent in Rosenberg. After graduation in 1942, she attended Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas.

Jacquelyn and Dean married in 1947 after she graduated. They raised two sons and owned a lumber yard and a concrete business.

Dean designed and built a small house on Leaman St. in Rosenberg shortly after their marriage. They added on to the house over the years and later moved to a house on Main Ave. and lived there for 51 years until his death in 2008.